like freight, interest charges etc. and issue price of foodgrains.

(b) and (c) The Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices (BICP) has been asked to undertake a cost audit of Food Corporation of India's operations. The study is in progress.

Merger of NREP and RLEGP

*47. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI KAMAL MORARKA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be peased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to merge NREP with RLEGP;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) to what extent monitoring of the above programmes and employment generation are likely to be improved as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) No such decision has been taken.

(b) and (c) Questions do not arise.

National Capital Region Plan

*48. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Capital Region Plan is still on papers only and has not yet been implemented;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government nave contemplated any effective measures for the implementation of N.C.R. Plan and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) The Draft National Capital Regional Plan 2001 was approved by the N.C.R. Planning Board on 21-7-1987 for inviting objections/suggestions.

These have since been received and placed before the Board in connection with the final approval of the Plan.

Schemes for providing drinking water in problem villages of Bihar

*49. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several schemes for providing drinking water in problem villages of Bihar have not been executed;

(b) if so, what are the details of these schemes; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that adequate funds have not been provided to execute these schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) During the Seventh Plan schemes costing Rs. 77.82 crores have been approved so far under the Centrally Sponsored Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP). As against this, the expenditure incurred by the State Government is Rs. 56.52 crores from 1-4-1985 to 30-6-1988. Thus, schemes worth Rs. 21.30 crores are at different stages of execution.

(c) In the first three years of the Seventh Plan, the Central Government had released Rs. 52.18 crores under ARWSP, excluding a sum of Rs. 5.28 crores available as opening balance (as on 1-4-85) of untuilised funds of the previous years. The expenditure reported by the State Government during the same period was Rs. 49.12 crores leading to an opening balance of Rs. 8.34 crores as on 1-4-88. Against the allocation of Rs. 29.50 crores for 1988-89, a sum of Rs. 14.827 crores has